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## Dysart keeps Sam Slick reference in park's name

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Sam Slick name is entwined as part of Dysart's history.

And that's that, according to township council.

As such, council decided when it met Nov. 28 to continue with the Sam Slick Park moniker despite calls to have it changed as a means to shed an association with a fictional racist and misogynist character written by the county's name-sake.

Erin Lynch, the Cultural Resources Committee's chairperson, and Jim Blake, the committee's vice-chairperson, continued the lobby to have Sam Slick Park

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### Christmas carols

Highlanders were treated to a Highlands Festival Singers performance at the United Church on Sunday afternoon, a one of two nights' performance. The ensemble performed traditional holiday music, with the help of the audience and youth choir. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo

  
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# 'We've moved on,' mayor says of park name

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renamed in recognition of the Haliburton region's Indigenous people.

But council decided against renaming the park. What's more, council's resolution was that the Cultural Resources Committee cease the work to rename the park.

It was recommended by the committee since 2021 that the park be rededicated and named Gidaaki, which is the Anishinaabemowin name for the land that is now called Haliburton County. It comes from the words "gidaa" which means upwards, and "ki," meaning land. "Upwards land," or the Highlands.

The recommendation is a result of research by students of the Social Justice and Equity course at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and members of the Cultural Resources Committee.

Traditionally, municipal parks and other facilities named after somebody is done so to celebrate that individual's contributions to the community and society.

Think about the A.J. LaRue Community Centre and the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field.

And there's the J.D. Hodgson and the Stuart Baker elementary schools.

"These are all named after upstanding citizens who made considerable contributions to our community," Lynch said.

The Sam Slick Park is named for a fictional character from the 1836 novel *The Clockmaker* by Thomas Chandler Haliburton. And, as per dialogue attributed the character in the novel, that character is racist and misogynist. This is a family newspaper so readers will have to look it up for themselves. And rightfully so.

Haliburton, the village and county, is named after the book's author. That's the only connection to the region.

The land for the park was purchased by the Rotary Club of Haliburton in 1961 and donated to the municipality in 1965.

"We are confident that the Rotary Club members who named the park had not read the book," Lynch said.

The site has a pair of plaques that bears the current name. One is from the Archaeological and Heritage Board of Ontario and the other is from the Rotary Club of Haliburton.

The committee asked that the Rotary Club of Haliburton plaque be removed from its current location and donated to the Haliburton Highlands Museum to be used as a visual artifact of the history of the park and that the Archaeological Board plaque remain in its current location.

They ask that a new plaque detailing the re-dedication of the park be created.

Given local examples, it isn't as if officially renaming something is a taboo practice.

Devil's Creek was changed to Irondale. Pusey was changed to Wilberforce. Pine Lake was changed to Gooberham.

Dozens of road names were changed to avoid confu-

sion when the county joined the 911 emergency system.

In 1998, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School changed the names of its teams from the Redmen to the Red Hawks.

"If it's not appropriate to have the Sam Slick plaque that's there, why is it alright to put it in a museum?" said Mayor Murray Fearrey.

"I know there's always the concern that we don't want to erase history," Blake said. "We have lots of things in the museum which are the history and story of our community. This is part of the history and story."

Later in the meeting, Fearrey said he believed the consensus on the issue was to leave things as they are.

"We want to leave things the way they are," Fearrey said. "You don't learn from history if you keep repeating it. And we've learned and we've moved on."

He suggested something could be erected at the park's bridge that would symbolize closing a "gap" between Sam Slick's dialogue written by Haliburton and the accepted behaviour today.

Councillor Pat Casey said the character Sam Slick is fictional.

And then Casey said: "If the action of the individual is Mr. Haliburton and his fiction is a story then, to me, are we going to rename the town of Haliburton because it's connected to the story?"

And further along in the same time span, Casey said: "Moving forward, as a blunt reality, if we don't want to hear this anymore, do we remove any types of literature or art or whatever out of our museums and our libraries so that erases all of that, which could potentially put us back in the same position 50 years from now because we've forgotten about the lessons we learned today."

"It was supposed to be satirical," Fearrey said of Haliburton's novel. "It was not meant to be the way we're interpreting it today."

Coun. Carm Sawyer said the high turnout for this year's edition of the Christmas parade was fantastic with 45 floats and many families partaking, despite the cold wind.

"It sure made us all proud, and that's what I want to always think about Haliburton," Sawyer said. "I just hope this thing is put to bed and let's move on."

"So many other things to worry about," Fearrey said. "Like people without housing, people who can't buy groceries because they can't get gas for their car to get to work. We've got a lot of bigger issues than that (park name)."

"Let's move on. It's not that it isn't an important issue, but it's important to, I think, from what I'm hearing to maintain our history. And that's history, whether we like it or not."

Casey said he supports placing a plaque on the bridge that acknowledges the region's Indigenous history.

"And we can tie that to Sam Slick, what's there, too," Fearrey said. "That we are bridging the gap. We've changed."

## Dysart hears deer feeding bylaw may hinder hunters

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

When is laying deer feed a means of prepping for hunting season and when is it violating a bylaw against feeding deer inside municipal boundaries?

That was one of the questions with which Dysart council wrestled Nov. 28 during its regular meeting.

In a Nov. 15 letter to council, resident Derek Beachli has a house and two other vacant lots within a mapped area covered by the legislation that prohibits the feeding of deer. He is also a director of two companies that has holdings to another six parcels in that area.

"I figure I have four to eight deer on my residential property at all times," he said. "I have counted up to 12 at the same time. I don't have an issue with them at all. They wander around and don't seem to be afraid of us. And I am not afraid of them as some of the advocates of this (bylaw) may be."

Councillor Carm Sawyer said Beachli hunts on his property, which Sawyer said is not within the township, in his opinion.

"Under the law I am allowed to bait for deer," Beachli wrote. "This can mean corn or hay or mineral supplements. Is this bylaw going to take my rights away as a hunter to bait deer?"

Sawyer suggested there should be a timeframe in which feeding deer could be considered laying bait to harvest the animals.

"The bylaw is very clear that it exempts any hunting activity," said Karl Korpela, chief building official. "If you're allowed to hunt, even in that area, it exempts you from this bylaw."

"I realize that, Karl, but at what point do we say he's feeding before the hunt ... like everybody does? Is it a week, is it a day?" said Sawyer. "Are we only allowing to ... feed during hunting season?"

Hailey Cole, municipal bylaw enforcement officer, said the bylaw doesn't specify hunting season dates as a means of allowing hunters to put out feed to lure animals.

Sawyer posited that it is possible a hunter could say in June that she's putting out feed in preparation for the lawful fall hunt.

"It just doesn't seem any way of doing this to suit everybody," said Mayor Murray Fearrey. "Impossible."

Coun. Pat Casey said his ward has constituents who identify being on both sides of the deer feeding issue.

"I hate rules in regards to eliminating civil liberties ... but, to me, this is one we have to start," Casey said. "It's not going to be perfect and it's one of those deals where maybe we start it and next year this time we revisit it."

"You can pass a bylaw and then, of course, you can see how it turns out," said Mallory Bishop, the township's clerk. "They can always be repealed. They can always be amended. This isn't the end after today."

Coun. Nancy Wood-Roberts said council should accept the bylaw's boundaries as currently mapped and revisit the boundary issue later.

"But it is a hazard," she said. "They're a great hazard in town. Some of those deer are very aggressive now."

Sawyer said the bylaw should only be revisited to consider feedback from qualified experts.

"Not just he said, she said," Sawyer said. "We need some facts."

Coun. Barry Boice suggested a compromise that alters the boundaries to eliminate land outside the municipality. People in favour of outlawing deer feeding have suggested the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) abandoned the practice because it was detrimental to the animals.

"I don't always side with MNR," he said. "I don't think ... when they decided to quit feeding deer it was all just because it was bad for the deer. Their budgets got cut crazy at the time."



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# County, municipalities set snowclearing rates

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Let it snow, let it snow.  
Haliburton County set the snowclearing rates for each of the four lower-tier municipalities.

Each year the county enters into agreements with each of the four local municipalities for the provision of winter maintenance services on certain county roads. The average cost per kilometer for all of the local municipalities to plow the roads is \$48.02, which is an increase of 3.9 per cent over last winter.

## Donations to HHHS holiday campaign will be matched up to \$50,000

BRITNEY PAGLIUCA

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highland Heath Services' (HHHS) holiday campaign, Believe in the Magic of Giving, is a yearly fundraiser that aims to improve the well-being of community members through health services.

According to HHHS, last year's campaign helped subsidize 1,202 Meals on Wheels and 387 trips for essential health-care to those in need. It also contributed to improving and increasing access to essential medical equipment and long-term care facilities.

This year, the Believe in the Magic of Giving campaign will help HHHS continue to support the welfare of Highlands residents by increasing access to care.

On Nov. 28, The HHHS Foundation announced that a long-time supporter of HHHS, Wally Ozog, will match donations to the Believe in the Magic of Giving campaign, up to fifty thousand dollars, in honor of his late partner, Anu Kerstin Lellep and his parents Sophia and Martin.

The HHHS Foundation stated that by supporting Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Ozog hopes to give back to the community that has provided him with great care over the years.

"Wally's connection to HHHS and his desire to give back to the community demonstrates the positive impact that individuals can have when they come together for a common cause," the HHHS Foundation said. "This kind of community support is crucial to creating a positive impact on the well-being of individuals and fostering a healthy community."

Ozog's meaningful contribution, dedicated to his dear partner, Anu, and his parents, will undoubtedly have a lasting effect on the Haliburton Highlands community. The HHHS Foundation has expressed immense gratitude towards his commitment and the generosity of all who contribute to the Believe in the Magic of Giving campaign.

"This significant donation means that each gift will have an even bigger impact on health care in the Haliburton Highlands and we are incredibly grateful."

The agreements begin on the first day of November and end on April 15, 2024. This year's agreements cover the same scope of work as past years with an adjustment to the rates that reflect the actual costs of the local municipalities.

There's a cost for a truck with a plow and wing and its driver, and there's a cost for the sand to be spread.

Algonquin Highlands will pay \$107.40 per hour for the equipment and driver and \$17.54 per tonne of sand on the roads.

Dysart will pay the county \$146.45 per

hour for the truck and driver and \$11.91 per tonne of sand.

Highlands East will pay \$119.43 per hour for the snowclearing equipment and driver and \$15.27 per tonne of sand spread.

Minden Hills will pay \$109.87 per hour for the snowclearing and \$20.70 per tonne of sand.

"I'm pleased to be able to see that Algonquin Highlands is offering the best rate," said Warden Liz Danielsen, who is also the mayor of Algonquin Highlands. "Sorry, I just had to say that."



### Merry and bright

Highlanders were treated to a Highlands Festival Singers performance at the United Church on Sunday afternoon, a one of two nights' performance. The ensemble performed traditional holiday music, with the help of the audience and youth choir. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo



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# Dysart considers mattress recycling program

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart is considering having residents pay more to recycle a mattress and boxspring next year.

Council discussed the nuts and bolts of a Mattress and Boxspring Recycling Program during its regular meeting Nov. 28. According to a staff report, the program would be implemented Jan. 1 at the Haliburton Landfill.

It's proposed that the disposal fee will be raised to \$30 from the current \$20 drop-off cost.

There's another change that may come with the program.

Residents can currently drop off mattresses and boxsprings at Haliburton, Harcourt, and West Guiford landfills for disposal as part of the existing construction and demolition waste program. Those materials are currently landfilled, said John Watson, the municipal environmental manager.

With the new program, mattresses and boxsprings will only be accepted at the Haliburton Landfill.

Many municipalities across Ontario have implemented a mattress and boxspring recycling program. Minden Hills township council adopted such a program in October.

Watson said mattresses and boxsprings need to be stacked horizontally, one atop another, inside a covered bin. When the bin is full, it is then hauled to Recyc-Mattress in Woodbridge.

At Recyc-Mattress, mattresses and boxsprings are shredded and up to 95

per cent of the materials (metal, wood, polyether and polyurethane, felt, polyester, and cotton) are recycled.

Between Ontario and Quebec, more than 400,000 units are recycled by Recyc-Mattress each year.

In 2024, the cost to recycle a mattress or boxspring is \$13.00 each, plus HST.

Based on receiving 500 units in a year, the program's estimated costs will be \$6,500 for recycling \$2,400 for renting a bin at \$200 per month, and \$6,750 to haul the material at \$1,350 for five trips.

That's a total cost of \$15,650.

Even with the disposal fee increased to \$30, Watson said the municipality will make about \$15,000.

"That's the same disposal fee that's also in Minden Hills," he said. "If this program is to proceed, the revenue and expenses would be incorporated into our 2024 environmental management budget."

Councillor Pat Casey expressed concern about raising the dumping fees too high.

"You want to recycle them as much as you can, but on the same note there's a tipping point for costs," he said. "If we raise the cost per mattress too much, we're going to start finding them in the ditch much like we did with tires back in the day."

He wondered if somebody from Harcourt is going to drive all the way to Haliburton to dump a mattress and pay more money to do it.

"They're into it \$50 or \$60 per mattress by the time you factor in gas," Casey said.

# County moves to rebuild geographic info system

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County will rebuild the website that hosts the region's geographic details.

A Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer system that displays information about a specific geographic location. Council learned during its Nov. 22 regular meeting that the life of the county's current system will end in July.

Mike March, the county's information technology director, said the site is used daily by many county staff as well as their counterparts at the four lower-tier municipalities and the public.

"It's important to keep these tools up to date and functioning properly," he said. "In order to keep moving forward with these tools, they do need to be rebuilt."

The county and four lower-tier municipalities have been without web mapping support since 2022. The developer that custom-created the application for the county in 2016 is no longer available for support.

Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) is the company who makes the GIS mapping software on which the county's web-based mapping tool is built. But they don't support third-party custom-built applications.

That leaves it to the county's IT/GIS staff to support the application. But neither IT nor GIS staff have the programming background required to properly support the application.

"We've gone as far as we can with the tools that we have," March said. "In order to kind of get us over the finish line, we do need to avail ourselves of some consulting services through ESRI."

The county's been quoted \$11,500 for about 60 hours of work by the company. March said there's about \$36,000 in a GIS reserve fund that was earmarked for future projects and initiatives.

"As the quote is time and materials, we will not be charged for any hours that have not been used," he said. "Unused hours could stay in the reserve or they could be utilized to further expand the functionality of our GIS mapping utilities."

Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, wondered if the money was to cover "sort of an add-on" to the existing software.


"We're building it from scratch because the existing software is (at) end of life," March said. "We need to kind of move off to new technology and supported technology."

March said ESRI will provide a whole suite of tools to build the GIS application. Basically, he said, there's a standard edition and a developer edition.

The standard edition is the simpler of the two products that allows GIS staff to build web mapping applications using pre-built widgets and modules. The developer edition provides the same functionality as the standard edition, but it allows for advanced customization of the user interface as well as additional programming capabilities above the standard edition.

Over time, there have been many value-added features incorporated into the existing county web GIS, providing users with many tools with which to work. As such, the GIS technician has not been able to fully replicate the functionality of the current site using the standard edition.

"We've gone as far as we can with this one (the current website GIS), so we need to utilize that (new) one," March said.




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## Clockmakers and changemakers

CULTURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE members asked Dysart council last week for something physically simple, but holds a lot of political weight: a name change.

They want the Sam Slick Park in town to be renamed in honour of the Indigenous People of the area.

This is in light of the committee learning of the racist and misogynistic character the park is named after in *The Clockmaker* written by Thomas C Haliburton, the man our beloved town takes its name from.

The name was chosen by the Rotary Club in the 1960s, without knowledge of the entire contents of the book, and has remained the same since.

And council turned down the request for change.

"The most concerning issue with *the Clockmaker* ... is the views that are promoted through the character Sam Slick. In the book, Sam Slick is quoted as saying the following, and I must say this is difficult for me to read in public, but I think it's necessary. '[They] don't seem fit for much else than slavery ... They require someone to look after them,'" said Jim Blake, Dysart's Cultural Resource Committee vice-chair at the council meeting.

He said it's inexcusable as simply a reflection of the time, 1836, when it was written.

"It was published over two years after the British government enacted the Slavery Abolition Act to abolish slavery throughout the British empire," he said.

In regards to the treatment of women: "Any man that understands horses has a pretty considerable, fair knowledge of women, for they are just alike in temper and require the very same identical treatment," reads *the Clockmaker*.

"It was meant to be satirical. It wasn't meant to be the way we are interpreting it today," said Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey.

I'm wondering how else we're supposed to interpret it, though.

The above quotes certainly don't leave much room for the imagination.

Blake said it best, "Although it is our understanding the book is intended to be satire, there is nothing satirical about slavery or the promotion of violence against women. These are definitely not the values which represent our community."

My other big concern is that council has misunderstood the request.

Their reasoning for not changing the name is because they don't want the town to "forget history".

But this isn't a Ray Bradbury novel. There will be no burning of books and other artifacts.

The Cultural Resource Committee and students of the Social Justice and Equity course at HHSS aren't asking for that.

In fact, they're asking for the opposite.

They want the history of Sam Slick Park to be kept in the museum, accessible to everyone.

This is not an act of censorship.

It's an act of integrity.

I'm struggling to find the harm in this change, especially in the name of accountability. Sam Slick certainly won't know the difference.

Council suggested a plaque be erected to acknowledge Indigenous history and keep the name of the fictitious racist, misogynistic clockmaker.

But, what about a name change to honour Indigenous history, with a plaque outlining the history of TC Haliburton, *The Clockmaker*, Sam Slick, and the reason for the name change?

Which is more logical?

There's a certain responsibility that comes from learning the truth, especially if you hold power.

The Cultural Resource Committee used their power to bring this to council.

*Minden Times* editor Emily Stonehouse and I are using the power of print with our editorials this week.

And we're asking for others who hold power to be responsible with it, too.



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## Editorial

## Change

CHANGE IS INEVITABLE In our lives.

And it is usually uncomfortable.

As humans I think our brains are wired to cling to things. To want to keep things the way they are and to resist change.

And for me it is easy to read a book or listen to a podcast about how to negotiate change with a big open and awake heart, and it is another thing to practice it in my life. I'm currently in the middle of a huge change.

I've been working for an organization for over 25 years and from my perspective have given them my heart and soul. I built programs from scratch that filled quickly, engaged volunteers who were exceptional and truly loved the place and the work.

This fall I have learned that the organization is changing what I have done. They have redesigned the events, given them new names, expanded the sizes and taken me off of their website, all without talking to me.

Initially I was shocked, disappointed and angry. But as I sit with all the emotions, my wiser kinder voice gets louder and reminds me that everything is impermanent. Everything is changing and evolving.

The needs of our communities are changing. Of course this organization must evolve to meet the changing times in our world. I am sure, or I hope, they consulted with their audience, with their staff and with the higher goals of the organization to create this new direction.

And while I may want everything to stay the same forever, that is just not smart. We are learning so much every day about how to respond to the challenges the world is facing.

There are thousands of big and little decisions that are being made every

day to help society evolve. But change is uncomfortable, I am not going to lie.

Sitting in the space in between what was, and what is to come can be tricky. I want to hang out and keep things the way they were and I want to evolve and be part of new solutions and opportunities.

One thing I know is that when I can open up and accept that change is inevitable, I can then really cherish what I have created and contributed to what will be developed for the future.

The work I have done gives a strong platform for the organization to stand on and and grow. And then I have compassion and love for myself and the organization.

I wish this same kind of wisdom and compassion for the Mayor and the members of Dysart Council as they work with our community to respond to the renaming of the Sam Slick Park to something that is more reflective of our community.

We all know that Sam Slick is a character in a book by Thomas

Chandler Haliburton, *The Clockmaker*, and throughout the book he makes statements that are misogynistic, racist, demeaning to women, Indigenous peoples and people of colour.

We all know that is wrong. I don't think any advisory board or group is going to say let's keep our beautiful park named after someone who promoted hate. Yes it is part of our history, and it isn't right. And we can learn from it.

I love the suggestion by the students who are working on this project to have information about Sam Slick in the museum.

They are acknowledging the history while moving forward. Let's love our park and give it a name that reflects that.

Love is always stronger than hate.



A dean in the front yard. By Tammy Nash

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# points of view

## Taking my time

YESTERDAY MORNING, I got a call from my neighbour who needed help moving something. So, I told Jenn that I was going across the street to help him out. She then asked me, "How long do you think it will take?" "Six minutes and five seconds," I replied. "Six minutes and five seconds?" she repeated. "Yes," I answered. "It's going to take me one minute to walk over, 30 seconds to evaluate the item we have to move, 45 seconds to move the item, 50 seconds to approve of our handiwork, two minutes to catch up, and one minute to walk back."

"Wow, that's a very precise estimate," she said. "It might be six minutes and seven seconds if the wind direction changes, and I have to fight a headwind on the way back," I noted.

Jenn looked at me, shook her head, and tried her hardest to forget she ever asked that question. But, here's the thing. Jenn is, at heart, a journalist. That means, despite her best intentions, she cannot help but fact check a statement like the

one I made. So, I am positive that she walked to her desk and, at the very least, confirmed the math. She might have Googled "walking against a headwind" and "average time old guys approve of handiwork" too.

Of course, she probably hates herself for doing this. But, again, she has no choice. She is the most diligent and thorough person I have ever met.

That is her kryptonite really. She is also one of the smartest people I know, which ought to provide further proof that opposites attract. And she is a quick



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learner too.

Which is why my plan worked so well.

You see, since that incident, she has not once asked me how long the things I am doing are going to take. And she's had plenty of opportunities too.

For instance, later that evening, I was in the basement, and she asked me to come up for dinner. I told her I would be right up, as soon as I finished putting my deer hunting stuff away.

Normally, this sort of statement would trigger her to ask me how long that would take. But I think she was still reeling from my response from earlier that day, so she didn't.

I don't like to throw around the word genius or brilliant a lot, but this is about me, so I think I can make an exception.

Future generations will probably dub me a genius for coming up with such a brilliant plan.

For what I just invented was a tool to prevent people asking one of the most annoying questions known to mankind, "How long do you think it will take?"

It's annoying because, even if you answer the question honestly, you will still eventually have to mutter, "I'm sorry, that took longer than I thought."

Now, however, each time someone asks that question, they will, if my technique is adopted, run the risk of having to listen to an itemized itinerary, followed by the time required to complete every task described within it.

This is not so bad, if you're just asking how long it will take to finish a coffee. But, God help you, if you ask someone: "How long will it take you to do your errand in Huntsville?" For the explanation could, if itemized correctly, take longer than the actual trip.

And, no person in their right mind would make that mistake twice.

You're welcome.

In any case, my testing seems to be going well.

Though it's early in the game, the result looks very promising. Jenn is no longer asking me how many minutes things will take. Instead, she seems to have resorted to second guessing.

## The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

# Small business owners are being strangled by red tape

OVER THE past month, small business owners have shared with me some of their personal stories and their frustrations.

Far too many small businesses in Canada are struggling and a growing number are simply throwing in the towel and closing up shop.

Why is that?

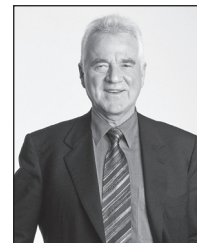
Many of these small business owners point to the costs and delays created by unnecessary regulations and red tape, a problem that is growing worse and worse year by year. In other words, we're shackling our small businesses with bureaucratic chains – and we need to throw off those chains so they can succeed.

I received an email last week from the owner of a manufacturing company who agreed that red tape was choking so many small businesses like hers, and that she had written to government officials on many occasions to complain about the needless regulations and red tape, but never even received a response.

I also received an email from a small business owner in the Niagara region. Here's what he said: "It has become increasingly challenging to run a profitable business in Ontario (I assume it is the same across all provinces), compete against overseas companies that export tariff free into our country, employ local labour, and then have to pay the tax rates we have to pay."

He cited "red tape bureaucracy and certification costs on products" as factors that contribute to an erosion of profits for many businesses. Ultimately, he said, "there comes a tipping point where no further cost cutting measures or staff reductions are possible, and then closure follows."

He concluded his email by noting that "current political leaders don't seem to understand the realities on the street level for small businesses, and what will happen to the Canadian economy should the small business sector slowly evaporate as it becomes increasingly pointless to be a small business owner."



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Principles

These and other stories shared by National Post readers raise the question – why do we keep placing so many hurdles and obstacles in their way?

Governments from across the political spectrum have talked about the need to cut red tape and reduce regulations. Some governments, such as the provincial government here in Ontario, even have cabinet ministers whose portfolio is focused on reducing red tape.

But progress has been painfully slow.

And often times, whenever one level of government chops some needless regulations, another level of government imposes even more. We're spinning our wheels.

Most small business owners would agree – we need to put an immediate halt to the introduction of any new regulations, and we need to start cutting the tangle of red tape that's holding small business back, eating into their profits, and ultimately making them less competitive.

The best way to do that is through the establishment of

a new national Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities, something I've been advocating for quite a while now.

The Economic Charter would give important economic rights to small business owners while imposing on government the responsibility to create the right economic environment so that small business can succeed, including removing all the red tape and bureaucratic chains holding business back.

To learn more about the economic charter and how it could help Canadians and Canada's small businesses, email me at [info@economiccharter.ca](mailto:info@economiccharter.ca). Or to learn more about the economic charter, please visit: [www.economiccharter.ca](http://www.economiccharter.ca).

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## letters to the editor

# Your tax dollars

Dear Readers of the Haliburton Echo:

My name is Lisa Neighbour, and I'm a visual artist and a resident of the city of Toronto. I've camped out in the Highlands, and experienced the steepest portage in the universe. I think it was an unmarked entry, off of #118. We watched as a bunch of teenagers carried a full size aluminum fishing boat, and 8eight-cases of beer, over a cliff as if it was a gentle hillside. Anyway, I know Haliburton is about more than camping and fishing, but I thought I should make you smile before I ask for your help...

I wanted to tell you about the proposed demolition of Ontario Place here on our waterfront, and the plans to lease the land to a private Austrian spa for 99 years. The provincial government also wants to move the Ontario Science Centre to this location, and charge every taxpayer in the province for an under-

water parking lot for customers. None of the fine print on this deal has been made public. Maybe a few of you are yawning, and asking me to get to the point.

The point is, how often do you visit a private spa? In Toronto? This project will cost us taxpayers an estimated \$650 million dollars. You know these estimates rarely go down. If this project is allowed to go forward, every taxpayer in the province would be forced to contribute to a private luxury spa, located on public lands, where they have clear-cut hundreds of trees and evicted all the wildlife. I'm very concerned that the Provincial Government is wasting our taxes on something that will only be enjoyed by the very few. I feel that the money would be better spent on our health care, affordable housing, roads and infrastructure - on projects for the benefit of everyone in

see CONTACT page 8



## pic of the past

On Nov. 24, 1976 this was the front page photo of the *Haliburton County Echo*. The Haliburton Beaconbrook Midgets opened up on Little Britain and came up with a 17-3 win in the game played the previous Saturday night at the Dysart Arena. The big guns for the Midgets were Rod Consack and Bernie Nicholls with 10 points each.

## letters to the editor

# Contact local reps

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the province.

How can ordinary citizens help? You can begin by going to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website and tracking down your local representative. ([www.ola.org/en/members/current](http://www.ola.org/en/members/current)) Once you know who's representing you

at Queen's Park, let them know by phone, email, letter, or in person that you expect them to truly represent you, and make sure your taxes are spent on things that help everyone, not just some pampered, rich, bougie people in Toronto. That's not me I promise!

Lisa Neighbour, Toronto

## Park name disappointment

To the Editor

We are disheartened, disappointed and angered by the decision of Dysart council to rescind the decision to re-name Sam Slick Park with a more appropriate community recognition.

In case you missed it: In July 2022, the Dysart Cultural Resources Committee (CRC), along with a group of students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School made a recommendation to council that Sam Slick Park be re-dedicated in recognition of the Indigenous Peoples of this region. The park is named after the fictitious character Sam Slick in the book *The Clockmaker* by Thomas Chandler Haliburton. As the CRC pointed out in their presentation to council, Slick, throughout the book, makes statements that are misogynistic, racist, demeaning to women, Indigenous peoples and people of colour. The CRC and youth recommended that the current plaque be removed and placed in the Haliburton Museum, where its context could be described. Council of the day passed a resolution to support the recommendation, and work was undertaken by the committee to engage Indigenous communities in the re-dedication process.

Fast forward to November 28, 2023. Representatives from the CRC restated their case, background and research. When it came to discussion at the council table, the Mayor led with the statement "The consensus seems to be we want to leave things the way they are." There had been no discussion during the meeting, so one wonders how this consensus was reached. He states that "It's important to maintain our history and that's history whether we like it or not", and "we've learned. We've moved on." This was supported with comments from councillors about "erasing history" by removing the plaque and forgetting "the lessons we've learned today". We ask, how does 'moving on' demonstrate that anything has been learned? By moving the plaque to the museum, its history would be preserved, in its rightful place with other historical artifacts.

One might argue that it's a fictional

character, so what's the big deal? Indeed, what's the big deal with changing the name ... it's not like he's a real person! Changing the name of the park was an opportunity to publicly declare that we as a community and Council acknowledge the past harms of racism and misogyny and demonstrate in a small but significant way that we are trying to do better.

This is not the first instance of the name Sam Slick being removed. In Windsor, Nova Scotia, the birthplace of T.C. Haliburton, Sam Slick Days Festival was changed when the community became aware of the racist content of *The Clockmaker*. One councillor stated, "It was a celebrated event and that's all good, but once you become aware of something that's like this, that is wholly inappropriate in current history, that's where we decided to take a look at this and try to correct it as best we could." In an even more local example, the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail Association changed the name of the Sam Slick Trail in Glebe Park to Roller Coaster. The Haliburton High School students, in their presentation to council said, "We were genuinely surprised to learn that the little parkette across the street (from our school) had such negative associations, and decided we wanted to do something to change it. We can't continue to act in ignorance. We can't continue to celebrate a character whose values are not representative of who we are as a community."

These examples embody the words of poet Maya Angelou, who said, "Do the best you can until you know better. When you know better, do better." We urge Dysart Council to do better. Change the resolution and support the Cultural Resources Committee to continue its work with community and Indigenous partners to move forward instead of standing still.

Residents of the Municipality of  
Dysart et al.  
Barb Fraser  
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## Telling our Stories

The December Speakers Series presentation will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Andrea Hagarty and Johnny Waite are excited to "show and tell" one of their many their real-life adventure stories they call "A Primitive Journey in the Palawan Islands", their 2023 voyage on a 74-foot wooden Filipino sailboat. Be ready for spectacular scenery, stormy seas, and endless adventures.

Andrea Hagarty is a Haliburton County institution, as the long-time proprietor of Bonnie View Inn on Lake

Kashagawigamog and Andrea's husband, Johnny Waite, is a coach, speaker and international event organizer having created various adventure races in dozens of countries.

The Speakers Series happens on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Fish Hatchery. Admission is \$15/person payable (cash) at the door.

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# HCSA creates safer trails through Ski-Doo grant

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) was recently chosen by Bombardier Recreational Products as the recipient of a grant to promote safe trails.

HCSA's Ski-Doo Snow Pass Program is using the funds to purchase and place more reflective trail markers on TOP Trail B, "One of the busiest trails in an Ontario Hydro corridor through Algonquin Park to Whitney," said an HCSA press release.

Last week, HCSA volunteers were over halfway finished working through inches of frost and snow to place the stakes on Trail B.

"This 30 kilometre stretch is extremely challenging, when the wind gets up it can reduce visibility to near zero at times challenging our riders and groomer operators," said HCSA president Neil Vanderstoop. "An additional 300 orange trail markers will make a huge difference. We are so grateful for Ski-Doo's help."

Ski-Doo has invested close to \$1 million in safety projects and improvements across North America.



## Thank you note to Tammy

The Santa Claus Parade this year was wonderful because of the spectacular entries from so many community groups and businesses. This year we had arranged for the parade to be recorded and available for showing at local seniors long term care homes such as Extencicare

and Highland Wood. We are extremely grateful to Tammy Rae of Sticks and Stones Productions and we heartily thank Tammy for this generous effort.

**Jim Frost**  
Parade Coordinator

## Christmas Toy & Food Drive 2023

Join the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association and help us to make a difference!

As the Christmas season commences, The Haliburton County Home Builders Association would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the Food Banks in Haliburton County. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates.

**Option 1:** Call - text 705-457-6901, email [info@hchba.ca](mailto:info@hchba.ca) in advance to arrange a date to pick up your gifts. We will take them to the local distribution centers.

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# HHSS drama club presents Clue

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Who committed the crimes? Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's drama club has a *Clue*.

The school's drama club has been working hard since the beginning of October on their production of the classic whodunnit comedy, and are ready to share it with the community starting on Friday, Dec. 15.

Rebeka Borgdorff, HHSS teacher and drama club director, knew the club would be most excited about another comedy after the success of their first play, *Star-Crossed Hatrick*, last year.

"We wanted to pick something familiar enough to the students that would be comical and exciting. Instead of choosing a holiday story, we'll dress up the *Clue* manor with festive decorations," she said.

In addition to the play, there will also be a dinner theatre put before each performance by an ensemble cast.

"We were so excited to have had so many students audition that we wanted to make sure everyone had the chance to perform," she said. "We have mostly seniors in the play and mostly students from Grades 9 and 10 in the ensemble."

HHSS student Annabelle Borgdorff has been involved in the new drama club since it was formed last year.

"I had so much fun with last year's play, so I wanted to have this experience again," Annabelle said. "I also really just love the people that I get to connect with through drama that I maybe wouldn't spend time with otherwise."

Annabelle highlighted the new connections made with Ctrl-Art-Del, a local youth theatre company, and Highlands Summer Festival through participation in the drama club.

"I love the friendships made within the school as well as the connections to theatre groups in our town," she said. "It is really rewarding because it will give me more opportunities for performing in the future."

Annabelle will be playing the role of Ms. Wadsworth, the butler of the manor.

"I really just love performing and being on stage. I love that performances make me happy because I get the joy of performing, but it also makes those who get to watch happy too," she said.

As an added bonus to students in the school, the dinner theatre portion is a fundraiser for HHSS' 2025 Europe Trip.

All performances will take place at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

On Friday, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 16, dinner theatre begins at 6 p.m. and *Clue* begins at 7 p.m.

The matinee on Sunday, Dec. 17 begins with dinner theatre at 12:30 p.m. and the show at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased here: [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCax72SCQ8GZv5DXvFJHW1Bhu\\_bhYH6h69JS\\_BCScLcQNGSg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCax72SCQ8GZv5DXvFJHW1Bhu_bhYH6h69JS_BCScLcQNGSg/viewform).



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School drama club members have been rehearsing their new production, *Clue*, for the past two months. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Interact Club co-presidents Brody Bolger and Annabelle Borgdorff lead the team in organizing the annual teen gift drive at HHSS. /BRITNEY PAGLIUCA Staff

## HHSS Interact Club organizes teen gift drive

BRITNEY PAGLIUCA

Staff Reporter

The Interact Club is a group of approximately twenty students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS), who dedicate their time to making a difference in the community and finding innovative solutions that promote human welfare. They operate in partnership with Rotaract and Rotary, and are often supported by the high school and community in their projects. Each year the Interact Club aims to organize a humanitarian initiative at a local, national, and international level.

Co-Presidents Annabelle Borgdorff and Brody Bolger showed appreciation for the club and how it helps mobilize

their desire to make a difference in the world. "Everyone wants to help others," Brody said, "Interact Club joins us together and makes that possible."

For the fourth year in a row, the Interact Club has decided to organize a teen gift drive for the holidays. A box has been placed in each classroom and all students in the school are encouraged to make small donations to the drive if they are able.

Brody and Annabelle agreed that the gift drive is really special to students because they know that they are donating gifts that will be given to youth their age and within their community.

"It seems like sometimes teenagers might be forgotten about at Christmas time, as if they wouldn't appreciate gifts in the same way younger kids would," Annabelle said. "We want them to know that people are thinking about them and that they deserve to have something special too."

HHSS teacher and Interact Club organizer Christine Carr noted that students have special insight into what kinds of items would be most appreciated. "They know better than anyone what gifts teens in the county would like to receive," she said.

Last year the Interact Club put together seventy gift bags for teens in the community. But Brody said that this year their goal is to reach triple digits.

The donated gifts will be collected next week to be sent to the food bank. Those within the community looking to contribute can bring items to the main office or contact Christine Carr at [christine.carr@tlds.on.ca](mailto:christine.carr@tlds.on.ca). Monetary donations are also appreciated and would be used to purchase gift cards.

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  - 26. Satisfies
  - 28. Quebec river
  - 29. A doctrine
  - 30. Popular pickup truck
  - 31. Dekagram
  - 33. Naturally occurring solid material
  - 34. Company officer
  - 36. Villains
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  - 44. A "place" to avoid
  - 45. Cigarette (slang)
  - 47. Canadian politician Josephine
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  - 51. Employee stock ownership plan
  - 53. Belonging to the bottom
  - 55. Sound
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  - 8. Post-birth brain damage (abbr.)
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  - 21. The number above the line in a fraction
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  - 26. Pouch
  - 27. Swedish krona
  - 30. Start anew
  - 32. While white or yellow flower
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  - 37. Graphical user interface
  - 38. Up-to-date on the news
  - 39. Campaigns
  - 42. Touch softly
  - 43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
  - 46. Violent seizure of property
  - 47. One who supports the Pope
  - 49. Anxiety
  - 50. Body fluid
  - 52. Phony person
  - 54. Title of respect
  - 55. Chilean city
  - 57. City in central Japan
  - 59. Silk garment
  - 62. Draw from
  - 63. Automobile
  - 66. Man
  - 68. Legal bigwig (abbr.)

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#19 Lucas Stevenson celebrates scoring the first goal of the game with teammates during the Huskies vs. Stouffville Spirit game on Sunday, Dec. 3 at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena. The Huskies won the game 2-1. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo

# Fullerton scores goalie goal as Huskies win three in a row

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to the Echo

The Haliburton County Huskies capped off a historic week with three wins, one loss and one nationally heard highlight. On the docket this week was the Cobourg Cougars, Brantford 99ers, Stouffville Spirit and Wellington Dukes. An even mix of easy and hard games the Huskies got to work last Monday at the Cobourg Community Centre.

## Cancelled by the Cougars

This seasons Cougars have been a thorn in the side of the Huskies all year, most prominently the work of Andy Reist. The Huskies found themselves down by two only four minutes into the first period before Patrick Saini added goal #20 of the season to cut the lead in half. Cobourg added another courtesy of Jack Falkner, but the Huskies' Jack Staniland brought the game to within one before the first was up. In what seemed like a glimmer of hope, Gavin McGahey-Smith tied the match at three, but the Cougars scored three straight to seal the deal and take home a 6-3 victory.

## Knocking off the Niners

Heading to the hometown of Wayne Gretzky on Thursday, the Huskies looked to bounce back after the loss on Monday. Nick Lamont got the game going off on a good note as he buried his 11th of the year, to make it 1-0. Lucas Marshall, Isaac Larmand and Patrick Saini would all score in the second, but the Niners would get their only goal of the game to make it 4-1 after two. To end off a dominant win, Alex Bradshaw got the monkey off his back and finally tallied his first career OJHL goal, while McGahey-Smith effectively ended the game with his fourth of the season to send the Huskies home with a 6-1 win. Logan Kennedy picked up the win, with the 99ers goaltender Berry making 51 saves on the night.

## History in Wellington

Heading into Wellington, the Husk-

ies looked to break the curse that has plagued them in the Lehigh Arena. The Huskies have failed to win there in a long time, and Friday night was a special one. Down 1-0 heading into the third thanks to Will Whelton, the Huskies exploded. Lucas Stevenson tied the game up at 1, with his 6th of the year coming at the 10:36 mark. Six minutes later and Antonio Cerqua would give the Huskies the lead, with his fourth of the season. However, the curse would officially be broken as the dagger would come from an unlikely source. Prior to Friday only one goalie goal has ever been scored in the league, coming in 2012 from Gabe Grunwald of the Georgetown Raiders. That all changed that fateful Friday on the Quinte Isle, Brett Fullerton saw his chance to go for glory after a light dump in from the Dukes. Without hesitation, he did the impossible. Burying that puck into the empty net, sealing up a 3-1 win for the Huskies and becoming the second goalie in OJHL history to score in regulation time. The goal was heard around the country being retweeted by TSN's Jermaine Franklin and the CJHL governing body themselves. Fullerton actually apologized after the game, as his goal came during a one goal game. However, Huskies head coach Ryan Ramsay just laughed and congratulated his goalie on his cannon of a shot. No Spirit for Stouffville Finally back home after the week long road trip, the Huskies got back to work against the Spirit. Stevenson got the party going at the 11:39 mark of the second period, as the Huskies pressed for their third straight win. Andoni Fimis tied the game at one, before Bradshaw iced the spirit with his second of the year short-handed. The Huskies rejoiced in a 2-1 dub, and with the wins they saw a rise in the standings drawing within two points of Lindsay.

## Upcoming games

This Friday the Huskies head to Aurora to take on the Tigers, before coming back home to end the week against the Pickering Panthers on Saturday.

# 'It's what I was always meant to do,' says bakery owner

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Diana Gomes has been a baker for her whole life, but she's only recently learned her skills are a gift meant to be shared with others.

"I've always wanted a bakery. It's been 30 years in the making, and here we are," Gomes said to the *Echo*. "I've come full-circle now. This is what I was meant to do, and it's never too late to fulfill dreams."

In April, she opened the Portuguese Princess Bakery in unit 9 of 187 Highland Street.

"I knew it was going to do well because it's the only bakery in town, but I never realized it would do so well, so fast," Gomes said.

With a family from Portugal, she grew up around delicious food and a beautiful culture - two things she wanted to introduce to the place that has been her home for the past 15 years.

"My image for here is to bring a little bit of Portugal to this town. There are a lot of Portuguese people here. I thought I was the only one for the longest time, but since the bakery's been open, I've met so many new people," she said. "And Haliburton reminds me of a small village in Portugal. It's such a close knit community."

Although it's her passion now, when she was young, Gomes wanted to branch away from the family business and became a registered nurse.

"Sometimes destiny chooses you, you don't choose your destiny," explaining how she ended up creating the Portuguese Princess Bakery.

The name comes from an old story told



Diana Gomes opened the Portuguese Princess Bakery in April in a lower level unit of 187 Highland Street. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

by her mother of a generous Queen that handed out bread to cities of people.

"It's funny because my friends call me the Portuguese Princess - I guess because I'm just so picky about things - so I thought I'd call it the Portuguese Princess sort of as an inside joke, but it really took off. People ask me when they come in if I'm the Princess," she laughed.

Since opening, Gomes said the response from the community has been overwhelmingly supportive.

"I just feel so blessed and like I'm in a dream. It's a gift that I feel so lucky to

have, and I'm so happy to share that," she said.

Gomes uses a 500 year-old Portuguese custard tart recipe.

For the rest of the Portuguese Princess' baked goods, she comes up with them on her own.

"I'll have an idea for something and will come up with a recipe from there," something that doesn't come naturally to many people.

With more time to catch her breath after a busy summer, she's starting to think of future plans.

She has a vision to host community events to support local kids and programs at the high school.

"They need to see that the community cares about them, because then they care about the community. It's a two-way street," Gomes said.

The Portuguese Princess Bakery also offers catering services and is open Tuesday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gomes can be contacted at theportugueseprincessbakery@gmail.com.

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# Cardiff Christmas Market raises nearly \$1,000 for school snack program

MICHAEL RILEY

Special to the Echo

Bringing the Christmas spirit in spades to this small town in Hastings Highlands, the Cardiff Christmas Market was held at the Cardiff Community Centre on Nov. 25. Featuring food and drinks, 15 vendors and visits with Santa for the kids, all proceeds from the bake sale and hot dog lunch went to the Cardiff Elementary School snack program. Overall, nearly \$1,000 was raised. One of the organizers Kristy Smith, comments on this fun-filled day for all.

Now in its second year, the Cardiff Christmas Market exceeded organizers' expectations at the Cardiff Community Centre on Nov. 25. Smith told *The Haliburton Echo* on Nov. 24 that they had 15 vendors, all the tables had been sold and that the parent council volunteers were all doing lots of baking for the bake sale.

"Everything we sell through the parent council [the bake sale and the hot dog lunch provided] all goes back to our school's snack program. Everyone at the sale has got something great to sell. Everything we're doing is for the school and for the kids. Hopefully a lot of people can pop out," she says.

On the day of the sale, Smith was in the community centre kitchen helping with the baking and lunch preparations with her co-organizers Emily Newman, Amanda Pritchard, and Morgan Woods.

"It's been really good, it's been fairly steady. I think the vendors are doing pretty well. I'm sure my kids have



From left, organizers Morgan Wood, Amanda Pritchard, Kristy Smith and Emily Newman at the Cardiff Christmas Market on Nov. 25 at the Cardiff Community Centre. The event raised nearly \$1,000 for the Cardiff Elementary School snack program.



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In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Glamor Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

**Notice Is Hereby Given**, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the *Municipal Procedures*, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

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**Dated** at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 5th day of December, 2023.

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Organizer Kristy Smith's daughter Freya telling Santa what she wants for Christmas at the Cardiff Christmas Market on Nov. 25 at the Cardiff Community Centre. The event raised nearly \$1,000 for the Cardiff Elementary School snack program.

bought half of what they're selling. It's been a good day so far. Definitely better than last year. We're hosting it earlier this year. Last year it was kind of a last-minute decision to have it," she says.

Vendor Elaine Scott from Hooked on a Feelin' said the sale was not too bad.

"There's lots of great people. That in itself makes it a nice day," she says.

Vendor Marjorie Thompson, who was selling knitted wares and stuffed animals, thought that for such a small show, it was quite busy.

"They haven't stopped coming all day. This is my first year here. I heard about it and took my chances. I've had a really enjoyable day. It's really nice here. I've enjoyed every minute of it," she says.

On the day after the sale, Smith said that from the organizers' point of view, it went really well, although some of the vendors thought it was slow compared to the bigger markets, which she said she understood.

"But for our school, we raised almost \$1,000 yesterday [for the snack program]. So that's good for a little while, but every little bit helps," she says.

Smith says that if anyone wants to make a donation to the Cardiff Elementary School snack program, they should contact Cathy Graham, the school secretary, at 613-339-2351 to make arrangements.

"Every year we hope it gets a little better. It's a small venue and a small community and we can only do so much. But we thought it went well overall," she says.

"We were really happy with the outcome yesterday."

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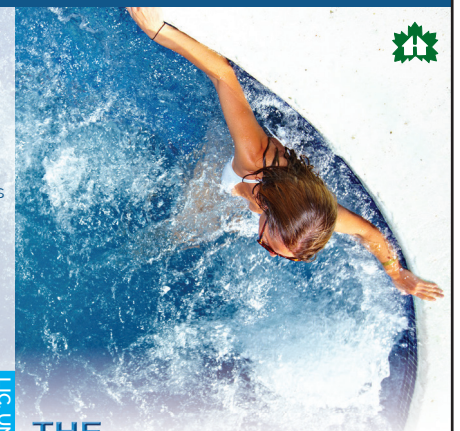
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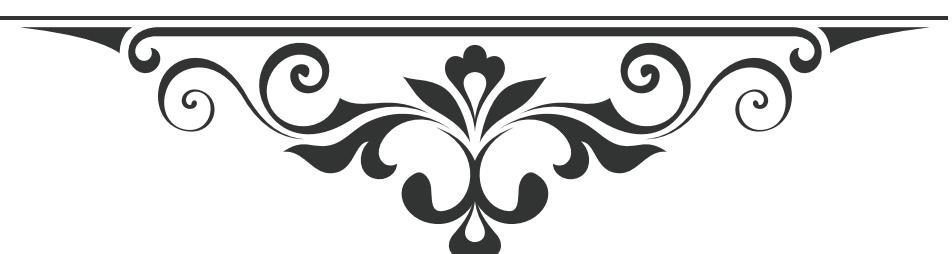
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## Santa comes to town

Santa Claus waves to the crowds along Highland Street during the Haliburton Santa Claus Parade on Friday evening, Nov. 23. With 44 parade floats and four bands, this Caribbean-themed event, which was a co-ordinated effort between the Haliburton Village BIA and the Haliburton Lions Club, was slightly bigger than last year. See more on page 10.

**Darren Lum**  
Staff



## Close call

Dog owner recalls anti-freeze poisoning

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## Arena update

Some changes made in plan for Dysart barn

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**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

Haliburton will be the home of the 2013 Canadian Pond Hockey Championships.

After much deliberating, Neil Lumsden and J-Core Marketing made their decision to locate the popular event in the Highlands Jan. 25 to 27 and Feb. 1 to 3.

"One of the great things about this [place] –

one of the reasons we made the decision – is the community support is huge," Lumsden said in an interview.

Lumsden founded the championships seven years ago in Huntsville and was searching for a new venue this year.

In 2013, the championships will use Haliburton's Head Lake and the Pinestone Resort's pond as venues with on-site food and beverages.

About 1,600 players come to the championships each year in 260 teams.

The goal is to replicate the foundations of Canadian hockey – out on a frozen lake with shoveled snow making up the boards.

"It's the camaraderie, it's the competition, it's playing outside on a not-so-perfect surface," Lumsden said.

Lobbying on behalf of Haliburton was John Teljeur, who played in the tournament in previous years and knew Lumsden personally.

When he heard the event likely wasn't see **CHAMPIONSHIPS** page 24

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